resume consultations with India in June, 1997. India has been invited to present a plan for elimination of quantitative restrictions under Balance of Payments cover at that meeting. In preparation for this meeting, inter Ministerial discussion and consultations with trading partners are taking place.

Decline in Investment by U.K.

6578. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether British investment in India has declined sharply despite a number of high-powered visits to India by British businessmen;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details regarding its trend during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The total amount of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) approved from U.K. from 1991 to March 1997 is as under :-

Year	Amount of FDI Approved (Rs. in Million)
1991	321.00
1992	1176.70
1993	6227.30
1994	12991.50
1995	17258.60
1996.	15245.99
1997 (upto March)	24529.41

Investment approvals from U.K. companies have been increasing steadily in the last 6 years except in 1996, when investment from UK declined by 11.60% from the approvals granted in 1995. However, only during the first three months of 1997, the FDI approved from UK has exceeded the highest amount approved in any single year in the last 6 years. UK is the second largest investor country of FDI in India after USA.

Legal Services

6579. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Legal Services Authorities Act of 1987 which makes free legal services a statutory right for poor undertrials has failed to fulfil its objectives;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the manner in which the Government propose to uphold its pledge of judicial assistance to the weaker sections of the society and what initiative it is taking to ensure that legal aid and service is a sine qua non ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The legal services under the Legal Services Authorities Act, *inter alia*, are available to undertrials. The criteria for giving legal services is contained in section 12 of the Act which is as under :-

"12. Every person who has to file or defend a case shall be entitled to legal services under this Act if that person is–

(a) a member of a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe;

(b) a victim of trafficking in human beings or begar as referred to in Article 23 of the Constitution;

(c) a women or a child;

(d) a mentally ill or otherwise disabled person;

(e) a person under circumstances of underserved want such as being a victim of a mass disaster, ethnic violence, caste atrocity, flood, drought, earthquake or industrial disaster; or

(f) an industrial workman; or

(g) in custody, including custody in a protective home within the meaning of clause (g) of section 2 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, or in a juvenile home within the meaning of clause (j) of section 2 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 in psychiatric hospital or psychiatric nursing home within the meaning of clause (g) of section 2 of the Mental Health Act, 1987; or

(h) in receipt of annual income less than rupees nine thousand or such other higher amount as may be prescribed by the State Government, if the case is before a court other than the Supreme Court, and less than rupees twelve thousand or such other higher amount as may be prescribed by the Central Government, if the case is before the Supreme Court :

Provided that the concerned Authority is satisfied that such person has prima-facie case to prosecute or to defend [S. 13(1)].

Export of Coffee

6580. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the export of coffee has declined during the current year;

(b) if so, the details regarding the value and quantity of coffee exported and the reasons for the decline in export; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to boost the export of coffee during the Ninth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b) There is a slight decrease during 1996-97 in the export of coffee in quantity (from 170988 tonne in 1995-96 to 169938 tonnes in 1996-97) and in value (from $ 456 million in 1995-96 to $ 425 million in 1996-97). However, figures for 1996-97 are provisional and subject to revision.

(c) For boosting export of coffee during the Ninth Plan, Coffee Board is targetting markets like USA, Japan, Russia and Middle East countries. Coffee Board will also participate in selected food fairs/exhibitions abroad in active association with exporters, release advertisements on unique features of Indian coffee in selected overseas trade journals, sponsor trade delegations/invite delegations of roasters from each of the target markets to India, arrange service of Indian Coffee abroad through our Embassies, distribute gift packets of Indian coffee through Indian Embassies on special occasions and festivals, promote logo for Indian coffee and publish and distribute literature on Indian coffee.

The Board is also in touch with AIR India for showing in flight videos on quality Indian coffee and is arranging for marketing teams of importers to come to India to familiarise them with speciality coffee being produced in the country.

Promotion of Sericulture

6581. SHRI N. DENNIS :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the steps that are taken by the Government for the promotion of sericulture in the country particularly in West Bengal; and

(b) the amount spent for the purpose during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Sericulture Departments for the promotion/development of sericulture in the country, the Central Silk Board (CSB) has established a country-wide network of R&D, extension & training units for the propagation of improved races, technologies and sericulture practices evolved/introduced by the Board's research institutes for improving the productivity and quality of silk. The CSB is also providing assistance in the form of training of functionaries, supply of mulberry cuttings, silkworm seed etc. to the States to expand sericulture. Besides the CSB also takes up sericulture development projects in collaboration with the State(s). West Bengal is one of the five traditional sericulture States covered under the recently concluded World Bank/SDC assisted National Sericulture Project. Besides creation of necessary infrastructure for promotion of sericulture in West Bengal, assistance is also being provided by the CSB in the form of R&D, Extension and training support, supply of seeds through its various Research and Infrastructural units in the State.

(b) The details of total expenditure incurred by the CSB for the development of sericulture in the country as a whole and particularly in West Bengal during the years 1993-94 to 1995-96 is as follows :

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Country	West Bengal
1993-94	84.90	6.47
1994-95	68.46	6.35
1995-96	76.08	7.28

Guidelines for PMRY

6582. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to review the functioning of the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana and other centrally sponsored programmes in view of the failour of the State Governments to implement them seriously and efficiently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;